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**TO:** Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Center Sponsors

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Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Privacy Protection and the Use of Social

**Security Numbers in Child Nutrition Programs** 

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296 amends statutory requirements for the collection of Social Security Numbers (SSNs) in all Child Nutrition Programs. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the implementation of this requirement.

Section 301 of the Act amends section 9(d)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(d)(1)) by removing the requirement that the adult household member who signs a household application for free and reduced-price meals also must provide his or her complete nine-digit SSN, as a condition of eligibility. As amended by the Act, Section 9(d)(1) now requires that only the last four digits of the adult household member's SSN must be provided on the Income Eligibility Application. This new requirement is designed to increase privacy protections.

The Child Nutrition Unit will provide updated versions of the Income Eligibility Application to all participating Child and Adult Care Food Program institutions in the coming months.

If there are any questions about this information, contacts are as follows:

<u>Day Care Center Sponsors</u>: Susan Boyle at 860-807-2074, Celia Cordero at 860-807-2076 or

Benedict Onye at 860-807-2080. Day Care Home Sponsors: Susan Bohuslaw at 860-807-2073.

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